**मंत्री द्वारा प्राथमिकता के आधार पर कोयले का आवंटन**

944. डा० अबरार अहमद : क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उन्हें बिना बारी के प्राथमिकता के आधार पर कोयले का आवंटन करने का अधिकार है और यदि हां, तो जिन पक्षों का आवंटन किया गया है, उनका ब्यौरा क्या है और जून 1991 से उन्हें कोयले की कितनी मात्रा का आवंटन किया गया है ;

(ख) ऐसे आवंटन के लिये क्या मानदंड अपनाये गये हैं ; और

(ग) इस समय कोयला-खानवार मासिक उत्पादन कितना है और इसकी मासिक मांग कितनी है ?

**कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी०ए० संगमा)** : (क) और (ख) कोयले का कोई विशेष कोटा विद्यमान नहीं है, जिसके अन्तर्गत मंत्री महोदय द्वारा कोयले का आवंटन किया जा सके । कोयला कम्पनियों के पास उपभोक्ताओं को कोयला जारी किये जाने के संबंध में एक निर्धारित प्रक्रिया विद्यमान है । कोयले की नियमित रूप से आपूर्ति की व्यवस्था केवल वास्तविक उपभोक्ताओं के लिये संबद्ध प्राधिकृत प्राधिकारियों द्वारा जारी वैध प्रायोजन के एवज में की जाती है ।

(ग) अप्रैल से अक्तूबर, 1991 की अवधि के दौरान देश में कोयले का औसतन मासिक उत्पादन 15.89 मि० टन रहा । वर्ष 1991-92 के लिये कुल मूल्यांकित मांग 239.10 मि० टन कच्चे कोयले की है अर्थात् प्रतिमाह औसतन 19.92 मि० टन कोयला ।

**Fire in the Jharia Coalfields**

945. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of some Indian mining experts of Coal India Limited recently undertook a two weeks visit to U.S.A. to explore effective means to put down the Jharia Coalfields fire;

(b) what is the quantity and estimated value of prime coking coal being daily burnt at Jharia coalfields;

(c) what is the estimated amount being spent presently on the import of coking coal in face of serious foreign reserve crunch in the country;

(d) whether these experts have been successful to bring the technology on combating fire in the mines in Jharia Coalfields; and

(e) if so, whether any start has been made in employment of this technology to extinguish Jharia Coalfields fire and also to save the town from impending disaster?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Yes, Sir. A team of 4 mining engineers from Bharat Coking Coal Limited and Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited was deputed to visit U.S.A., for two weeks to examine available technologies to control fire in Jharia Coalfields.

(b) It is difficult to make precise estimates of loss of coal reserves caused by fires in Jharia Coalfields. However, the coal company has estimated that coal reserves to an extent of about 37 million tonnes valued at Rs. 1110 crores at current price might have been damaged in these fires.

(c) According to information given by Ministry of Steel, the approximate cost of imports of coking coal including

freight for Steel industries in last two years has been as follows:—

| Year | Rs. in Crores |
|---|---|
| 1989-90 | 533.64 |
| 1990-91 | 705.04 |

(d) and (e) The team deputed to U.S.A. has since returned on 25th November, '91. The team has indicated that some of the following technologies could be applied to deal with Jharia Coalfield fire:—

(i) Use of hydro monitors for quenching the fire followed by excavation of heated debris and coal;

(ii) Drilling under high temperature conditions;

(iii) Infusion of foams through bore-holes;

(iv) Use of expanded cement-slurry mix for sealing of the cracks and stabilising the area;

A detailed Action Plan is being worked out by the team with the assistance of other experts in the field to control all the fires of Jharia Coalfield effectively.

**Illegal mining in coal mines ....**

946. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to illegal collusion of Eastern Coalfields Limited and the Coal Mafia unabated illegal mining is going on in Lalmalia and Simlong mines of Rajmahal Project; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to tackle this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Government is not aware of any large scale illegal mining of coal in coalfield areas. Any cases of illegal mining as and when detected are reported to local police authorities for taking action according to law.

**Inclusion of representative of SC/ST and Minorities in the Selection Committees/ Boards**

947. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the instructions of the Government of India of August, 1990 for inclusion of representatives of SC, ST and Minorities in the Selection Committees/ Boards have been implemented by his Ministry;

(b) if so, what are the details of such bodies and organisations under his Ministry where the instructions have been implemented;

(c) what are the names of the bodies which have not implemented the instructions so far and the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government/institutions in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) All the public sector undertakings/subordinate formations under the administrative control of the Ministry of Coal have reported compliance of the instructions of the Government of India of August, 1990 for inclusion of the representatives of SC, ST and Minorities in the Selection Committees/Boards. Their names are as under:—

1. Coal India Limited;
2. Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited;
3. Eastern Coalfields Limited;
4. Bharat Coking Coal Limited;
5. Western Coalfields Limited;
6. Central Coalfields Limited;
7. South Eastern Coalfields Limited;
8. Northern Coalfields Limited;
9. Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Limited;
10. North Eastern Coalfields Limited;
11. Coal Mines Provident Fund, Dhanbad; and